

# KRANESHARES ICAV

## KraneShares ICBCCS SSE STAR Market 50 Index UCITS ETF

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(A sub-fund of KraneShares ICAV, an Irish collective asset-management vehicle constituted as an umbrella fund with segregated liability between sub-funds with registered number C181441 authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland pursuant to the UCITS Regulations).

This Supplement (the “Supplement”) forms part of the Prospectus dated 17 June 2021 (the “Prospectus”) in relation to KraneShares ICAV (the “ICAV”) for the purposes of the UCITS Regulations. This Supplement should be read in the context of, and together with, the Prospectus and contains information relating to the KraneShares ICBCCS SSE STAR Market 50 Index UCITS ETF (the “Sub-Fund”) which is a separate sub-fund of the ICAV.

The Sub-Fund is an Index Tracking Sub-Fund.

Prospective investors should review this Supplement and the Prospectus carefully and in their entirety and consider the risk factors set out in the Prospectus and in this Supplement before investing in this Sub-Fund. If you are in any doubt about the contents of this Supplement, you should consult your stockbroker, bank manager, solicitor, accountant and/or financial adviser. An investment in the Sub-Fund should not constitute a substantial proportion of an investment portfolio and may not be appropriate for all investors.

The Directors, as listed in the “*Management*” section of the Prospectus accept responsibility for the information contained in this Supplement. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in this Supplement is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information.

## KEY INFORMATION

Unless otherwise defined herein or unless the context otherwise requires, all defined terms used in this Supplement shall bear the same meaning as in the Prospectus.

<b>Base Currency</b>	US Dollars
<b>Business Day</b>	a day on which commercial banks are open and settle payments in London, New York, Shanghai and Hong Kong, including days on which such commercial banks are open only half a day.
<b>CNH</b>	Offshore RMB, accessible outside the PRC and traded primarily in Hong Kong. The government of the PRC introduced this currency in July 2010 to encourage trade and investment with entities outside the PRC. The value of CNY and CNH may be different.
<b>CNY</b>	Onshore RMB accessible within the PRC. The value of CNY and CNH may be different.
<b>Dealing Deadline</b>	For cash subscriptions and redemptions, 5pm (Irish time) on the Business Day immediately prior to each Dealing Day.
<b>Index</b>	The SSE Science and Technology Innovation Board 50 Index.
<b>Index Provider</b>	CSI
<b>Listing Stock Exchange</b>	Euronext Dublin, London Stock Exchange.
<b>Minimum Subscription Amount</b>	50,000 Shares (for in-kind subscriptions) or cash equivalent (for cash subscriptions).
<b>Offer Period</b>	In respect of Class EUR and Class USD, 9 am on 18 June 2021 to 5 pm on 17 December 2021 or such earlier or later date as the Directors may determine.
<b>PRC</b>	The People's Republic of China and for the purpose herein, excluding Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan.
<b>RMB</b>	Renminbi, the official currency of the PRC; is used to denote the Chinese currency traded in the onshore (CNY) renminbi and the offshore (CNH) renminbi markets (primarily in Hong Kong).
<b>Settlement Deadline</b>	Appropriate cleared subscription monies must be received on the Business Day immediately prior to each Dealing Day, or such later date as may be determined by the ICAV and notified to prospective investors from time to time.
<b>SSE</b>	Shanghai Stock Exchange.
<b>Valuation</b>	The Net Asset Value per Share is calculated in accordance with the " <i>Determination of Net Asset Value</i> " section of the Prospectus, using the official closing price published by the relevant exchange.
<b>Valuation Point</b>	Close of business on the New York Stock Exchange on each Valuation Day or such other time as the Directors may determine in respect of

	the Sub-Fund from time to time and notify to Shareholders in advance.
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The following Share Classes are available in the Sub-Fund:

Class	Initial Offer Price	TER
Class USD	\$25	0.82%
Class EUR	€25	0.82%
Class GBP	£25	0.82%
Class CNY	¥200	0.82%

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND STRATEGY

**Investment Objective.** The objective of the Sub-Fund is to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the price and yield performance of the investable universe of publicly traded China-based companies whose primary business or businesses involve science and technology (“**China Science and Technology Companies**”).

**Investment Policy.** The investment policy of the Sub-Fund is to track the performance of the Index (or such other index determined by the Directors from time to time as being able to track substantially the same market as the Index and which is considered by the Directors to be an appropriate index for the Sub-Fund to track, in accordance with the Prospectus), as closely as possible, regardless of whether the Index level rises or falls, while seeking to minimise as far as possible the tracking error between the Sub-Fund’s performance and that of the Index. Any determination by the Directors that the Sub-Fund should track another index at any time shall be subject to the provision of reasonable notice to Shareholders to enable any Shareholders who wish to do so to redeem their Shares prior to implementation of this change and the Supplement will be updated accordingly.

The Index includes the stocks and depositary receipts of the largest 50 companies by free-float market capitalisations that are listed on the SSE STAR Market. The SSE STAR Market is a new listing exchange run by the SSE that focuses on China Science and Technology companies. According to the SSE, companies listed on the SSE STAR Market are mainly from high-tech and strategic emerging industries, and most focus on next-generation information technology, biomedicine, high-end equipment and other industries.

The Index components are weighted based on their free-float market capitalisations, subject to a 15% cap on any particular component. The Index may include less than 50 components if there are an insufficient number of eligible stocks and depositary receipts, but will include no fewer than 30 components. Components eligible for inclusion in the Index must meet certain market capitalisation and liquidity screens and have been trading for at least 11 days.

Any security in the Index that the Investment Manager reasonably believes the Sub-Fund is not permitted to hold or acquire due to legal, regulatory or similar reasons, including US government executive orders, may be excluded from the Sub-Fund’s portfolio. The Sub-Fund will not hold such

securities, or any derivative exposure thereto, even if they are a constituent of the Index. The Investment Manager may similarly exclude from the Sub-Fund's portfolio securities that the Investment Manager reasonably expects not to be permitted to hold or acquire in the future due to legal, regulatory or similar reasons, including executive orders. To the extent that the Index does not exclude such a security, the performance of the Sub-Fund and the Index may diverge.

Under normal circumstances, the Sub-Fund invests at least 80% of its net assets in securities of China Science and Technology Companies or in depositary receipts representing securities of the Index. Depositary receipts are securities issued by a financial institution which evidence ownership interests in a security or a pool of securities deposited with the financial institution.

As of 14 January 2021, the Index was comprised of 50 securities of companies with a market capitalisation range of approximately US\$646 million to US\$39.6 billion and an average market capitalisation of US\$5.5 billion. The Index is rebalanced quarterly.

The Index Provider is independent of the ICAV and the Investment Manager. Further details on the Index, including its components and performance, are available at: <http://www.csindex.com.cn/en/indices/index-detail/000688>

Although the Index is generally well diversified, because of the market it reflects it may, depending on market conditions, contain constituents issued by the same body that may represent more than 10% of the Index. In order for the Sub-Fund to track the Index accurately, the Sub-Fund will make use of the increased diversification limits available under Regulation 71 of the UCITS Regulations. These limits permit the Sub-Fund to hold positions in individual constituents of the Index issued by the same body of up to 20% of the Sub-Fund's Net Asset Value.

In order to seek to achieve the Sub-Fund's investment objective, the Investment Manager will aim to replicate the Index by holding all of the constituents of the Index in a similar proportion to their weighting in the Index. Further information on the use of the replication methodology can be found under "*Index Tracking Sub-Funds*" in the "*Investment Objectives and Policies*" section of the Prospectus.

The Sub-Fund may in certain, limited circumstances, where replication of the Index is not reasonably practical (for example as a result of the illiquidity or unavailability of certain securities within the Index) or possible (for example as a result of applicable legal, regulatory or similar reasons referred to above), invest in instruments that are not included in the Index but which the Investment Manager believes will help the Sub-Fund replicate the Index, e.g. securities which provide similar price and yield performance and risk profiles to constituents of the Index. These investments may include equity securities and depositary receipts of issuers whose securities are not components of the Index.

**Instruments / Asset Classes.** The following types of China-related equity securities may be included in the Index and/or represent investments of the Sub-Fund:

- *China A-Shares* of companies incorporated in mainland China and traded on Chinese exchanges. China A-Shares are primarily purchased and sold in the domestic Chinese market. To the extent the Sub-Fund invests in China A-Shares, it will do so through a QFII or RQFII license obtained by the Investment Manager and/or the sub-investment manager of the Sub-Fund and/or the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect Program or Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect Program.

- *China B-Shares* of companies listed on the Shanghai or Shenzhen Stock Exchange but quoted and traded in foreign currencies (such as Hong Kong Dollars or U.S. Dollars), which were primarily created for trading by foreign investors.
- *China H-Shares* of companies incorporated in mainland China and listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, where they are traded in Hong Kong Dollars and may be traded by foreign investors.
- *China N-Shares* of companies with business operations in mainland China and listed on an American stock exchange, such as NYSE or NASDAQ.
- *P-Chips* of private sector companies with a majority of their business operations in mainland China and controlling private Chinese shareholders, which are incorporated outside of mainland China and traded on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange in Hong Kong Dollars.
- *Red Chips*, which are shares of companies with a majority of their business operations in mainland China and controlled by the central, provincial or municipal governments of the PRC, whose shares are traded on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange in Hong Kong Dollars.
- *S-Chips*, which are shares of companies with business operations in mainland China and listed on the Singapore Exchange. S-Chip shares are issued by companies incorporated anywhere, but many are registered in Singapore, the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands or Bermuda.
- Global Depositary Receipts as alternatives to directly purchasing the above equity securities in their national markets and currencies.

The securities in which the Sub-Fund invests will be primarily listed or traded on Recognised Markets globally, although the Sub-Fund may also invest in unlisted securities in accordance with the limits set out in the UCITS Regulations. In normal circumstances, the Sub-Fund may hold up to 10% of its Net Asset Value in ancillary liquid assets (deposits, certificates of deposit, commercial paper and fixed rate bonds issued by governments which are rated investment grade) in accordance with the UCITS Regulations, provided however that this restriction will not apply following large subscriptions to the Sub-Fund. The Sub-Fund may also, subject to a maximum of 10% of its Net Asset Value, invest in other regulated, open-ended collective investment schemes, including ETFs, as described under “*Investment in other Collective Investment Schemes*” in the “*Investment Objectives and Policies*” section of the Prospectus, where the objectives of such funds are consistent with the objective of the Sub-Fund. Such funds may be advised, sponsored or otherwise serviced by the Investment Manager or an affiliate.

The Sub-Fund does not currently use financial derivative instruments.

**Sustainable Finance.** The Sub-Fund's investment policy and the nature of the Index means that the Investment Manager will not generally be able take Sustainability Risks into account in making investment decisions, as such decisions will be driven instead by the constituents of the Index. Investors should refer to the “*Sustainable Finance*” section of the Prospectus for further details with respect to Sustainability Risk and ESG Integration for the Sub-Fund.

**Risk Management.** The expected proportion of the assets under management of the Sub-Fund that could be subject to securities lending will be 10%, subject to a maximum of 50%. The Sub-Fund will not have any exposure to repurchase agreements or total return swaps.

For information in relation to the difficulties associated with tracking indices, please refer to “*Index Tracking Risk*” in the “*Risk Information*” section of the Prospectus. It is currently anticipated that the tracking error of the Sub-Fund will be up to 1% under normal market conditions, although this may increase where the Sub-Fund is prevented from holding Index components due to legal, regulatory or similar reasons, including executive orders. The causes of tracking error can include but are not limited to the following: holdings/size of the Sub-Fund, cash flows, such as any delays in investing subscription proceeds into the Sub-Fund or realising investments to meet redemptions, fees and the frequency of rebalancing against the Index.

**Portfolio Holding Disclosure Policy.** The Sub-Fund will publicly disclose its complete holdings on a daily basis. Details of the Sub-Fund’s holdings and full disclosure policy may be found at: [www.kraneshares.eu](http://www.kraneshares.eu).

## **SUB-INVESTMENT MANAGER**

As at the date of this Supplement, the Investment Manager has appointed ICBC Credit Suisse Asset Management (International) Company Limited (“**ICBCCS**”), having its registered office at Suite 801, 8F, ICBC Tower, 3 Garden Road, Central, Hong Kong as a sub-investment manager to the Sub-Fund. ICBCCS is authorised as an investment manager and advisor registered with the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission. ICBCCS had \$1,051,997,550.58 in assets under management as at 31 December 2020. ICBCCS was appointed pursuant to a sub-investment management agreement dated 28 April 2021, as may be amended from time to time (the “**Sub-IMA**”).

Pursuant to the Sub-IMA, ICBCCS shall not be liable for any loss or damage arising directly or indirectly out of or in connection with the performance by ICBCCS of its obligations and duties thereunder unless such loss or damage arose out of or in connection with its negligence, recklessness, fraud, bad faith or wilful default or breach of the terms of the Sub-IMA of or by ICBCCS in the performance of its duties thereunder. In no circumstances shall either the Investment Manager or ICBCCS be liable for special, indirect or consequential damages, or for lost profits or loss of business, arising out of or in connection with the performance or non-performance of their respective duties, or the exercise of their respective powers, under the Sub-IMA.

The Sub-IMA shall continue in force until termination pursuant to that agreement. The Investment Manager or ICBCCS may terminate the Sub-IMA at any time, without the payment of any penalty, upon at least ninety (90) days’ notice in writing to the other party. The Sub-IMA shall terminate forthwith upon; (i) the termination of the Investment Management Agreement between the Management Company and the Investment Manager; (ii) the revocation of authorisation of the ICAV; or (iii) the revocation of approval, howsoever arising, of the Sub-Fund.

## **INVESTMENT RISKS**

Investment in the Sub-Fund carries with it a degree of risk including the risks described in the “*Risk Information*” section of the Prospectus. These risks are not intended to be exhaustive and potential investors should review the Prospectus and this Supplement carefully and consult with their professional advisers before purchasing Shares. In addition, investors should be aware of the risks headed “*Sustainability Risk*”, “*Country Concentration*”, “*Holdings and Sector Concentration*”, “*Emerging Markets including China*” and “*Index Related Risks*” in the “*Risk Information*” section of the Prospectus.

Investors should also be aware that the companies which are components of the Index may be of an emerging nature and may consequently have smaller market capitalisation and operating scale than other more established companies. Such companies are typically subject to wider price fluctuations and may have lower liquidity when compared to large capitalisation companies. In light of the forgoing, Index components may be subject to significant changes in valuation. In addition, the SSE STAR Market applies strict rules and this, combined with the smaller capitalisation nature of the Index components, may result in index components being delisted and removed from the Index, which may in turn increase the Sub-Fund's portfolio turnover and have an adverse impact on the Sub-Fund. As described above, the Index is relatively concentrated in comparison with other indices and therefore increases or decreases in the valuation of one or a small number of Index components may have a more significant impact on the valuation of the Sub-Fund than would be the case for a more widely diversified index.

## **INVESTOR PROFILE**

Typical investors in the Sub-Fund are expected to be investors who want to take short, medium or long term exposure to the performance of China based companies whose primary business or businesses involve science and technology and are prepared to accept the risks associated with an investment of this type.

## **SUBSCRIPTIONS – PRIMARY MARKET**

Shares will be available during the Offer Period at the Initial Offer Price per Share set out above under “*Key Information*”.

After the Closing Date, Shares will be issued on each Dealing Day at the appropriate Net Asset Value per Share with an appropriate provision for Duties and Charges in accordance with the provisions set out below and in the Prospectus. Investors may subscribe for Shares for cash on each Dealing Day by making an application by the Dealing Deadline in accordance with the requirements set out below and in the “*Purchase and Sale Information*” section of the Prospectus. Consideration, in the form of cleared subscription monies/securities, must be received by the applicable Settlement Deadline.

## **REDEMPTIONS – PRIMARY MARKET**

Shareholders may effect a redemption of Shares on any Dealing Day at the appropriate Net Asset Value per Share, subject to an appropriate provision for Duties and Charges, provided that a valid redemption request from the Shareholder is received by the ICAV by the Dealing Deadline on the relevant Dealing Day, in accordance with the provisions set out in this section and at the “*Purchase and Sale Information*” section of the Prospectus. Settlement will normally take place within two Business Days of the Dealing Day but may take longer depending on the settlement schedule of the underlying markets. In any event, settlement will not take place later than 10 Business Days from the Dealing Deadline.

## **FEES AND EXPENSES**

The TER for each Class is set out in the table in the “*Key Information*” section above.

Further information in this respect is set out in the “*Fees and Expenses*” section of the Prospectus.

## **DISTRIBUTIONS**

The Sub-Fund has determined to accumulate all net investment income and net realised capital gains attributable to the Class USD, Class EUR Shares, Class GBP and Class CNY Shares and therefore does not intend to declare dividends in respect of Shares in such Share Classes.

## **LISTING**

Application has been made for the Shares to be admitted to the Official List and to trading on the Regulated Market of Euronext Dublin and to trading on each of the Listing Stock Exchanges and such Shares are expected to be admitted to listing on or about 11 May 2021.

## **INDEX DISCLAIMER**

All rights in the Index vest in SSE. Neither SSE nor China Securities Index Company (“**CSI**”) makes any warranties, express or implied, regarding the accuracy or completeness of any data related to the Index. Neither SSE nor CSI is liable to any person for any error of the Index (whether due to negligence or otherwise), or under any obligation to advise any person of any error therein. The ETF based on the Index is in no way sponsored, endorsed, sold or promoted by SSE or CSI. Neither SSE nor CSI shall have any liability with respect thereto.